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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2002 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2002 should be the representative of a member of the Eastern European States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 14 January 2002 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

Strengthening the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

By its decision 2001/323, the Council decided to further defer to its resumed organizational session for 2002, in May 2002, the consideration of draft resolution III, entitled "Strengthening the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development", contained in the report of the Commission on its fifth session.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session (E/2001/31-E/CN.16/2001/9)

Provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

By its decision 2001/324, the Council decided to further defer to its resumed organizational session for 2002, in May 2002, the consideration of the draft decision entitled "Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session and provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee", contained in the report of the Committee on its second session.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (E/2000/32-E/CN.14/2000/11)

Application of an intergovernmental organization for consultative status with the Council

The Council will have before it the application for consultative status with the Council of an intergovernmental organization, namely, the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against malnutrition.

Documentation

Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against malnutrition to the President of the Council (E/2002/3)

Applications from two intergovernmental organizations for accession to the status of specialized agencies of the United Nations system

The Council will have before it the applications for accession to the status of specialized agencies of the United Nations system from the following two intergovernmental organizations: the International Civil Defence Organization and the World Tourism Organization

Upon receiving the applications, the Bureau of the Council, in accordance with Articles 57 and 63, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, will review and circulate them for the consideration of the Council.

Documentation

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization to the President of the Council (E/2002/4)

Letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/2002/5)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2002 and 2003 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2001/299, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2002 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development".

In the same decision, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2002 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2002.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work for the Council for 2002 and 2003 (E/2002/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2002 (E/2002/2/Add.1)[1]

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

By the text contained in the annex to Council resolution 2001/45 entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance", the name of the Group of Experts was changed to the "Committee of Experts on Public Administration" and changes were made as well in its membership and frequency of meetings. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Council shall be called upon to approve the nomination by the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, of the 24 experts constituting the Committee, whose term of office shall be four years.

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2002

	Term expires on 31 December
Andorra	2003
Angola	2002
Argentina	2003
Australia	2004
Austria	2002
Bahrain	2002
Benin	2002
Bhutan	2004
Brazil	2003
Burkina Faso	2002
Burundi	2004
Cameroon	2002
Chile	2004
China	2004
Costa Rica	2002
Croatia	2002
Cuba	2002
Egypt	2003
El Salvador	2004
Ethiopia	2003
Fiji	2002
Finland	2004
France	2002
Georgia	2003
Germany	2002
Ghana	2004
Guatemala	2004
Hungary	2004
India	2004
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2003
Italy	2003
Japan	2002
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2004
Malta	2002
Mexico	2002
Nepal	2003

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Netherlands	2003
Nigeria	2003
Pakistan	2003
Peru	2003
Qatar	2004
Republic of Korea	2003
Romania	2003
Russian Federation	2004
South Africa	2003
Spain	2002
Sudan	2002
Suriname	2002
Sweden	2004
Uganda	2003
Ukraine	2004
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2004
United States of America	2003
Zimbabwe	2004